

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Deer Hollow Farm School Year Registration 2014-15

LOTTERY

Why is registration based on a lottery system?

Deer Hollow Farm is funded primarily by the City of Mountain View, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and Santa Clara County. Part of the agreement between these three agencies includes giving Mountain View schools priority registration, followed by schools within both Santa Clara County and MROSD, then schools within either the County or MROSD, and then all others.

How does the lottery work?

Registration forms must be returned to Deer Hollow Farm or the Mountain View Recreation Division by Monday, September 8 at 5:00 pm to be eligible for the lottery. Farm staff will hold a private lottery during the week of September 8, 2014. One-third of all available openings are reserved for schools located in Mountain View (Priority 1), one-third for schools located in both Santa Clara County and the MROSD (Priority 2) and one-third for schools located in either the County or the District (Priority 3). Registration forms that are not selected during each stage of the lottery will be mixed with the following Priority group. We will do our best to accommodate all of the requests, but if the schedule is filled you will be placed on a waitlist.

How many students can I register on each form?

If multiple classes from the same school, totaling 65 students or less, are signing up on the same day for the same class—only one form is needed. If you are planning to register more than 65 students please complete an additional form with another Teacher's information.

CLASS CONFIRMATION

When will I receive confirmation that my class is registered?

Class contracts will be in the mail by **Friday, September 19**. You will be notified by Farm staff during the week of September 8 if your class has been placed on a waitlist.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

When are classes offered?

Please refer to the **2014-15 Deer Hollow Farm School Year Calendar**. Classes are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from September 30 through May 21. There are no classes December 15 through January 2. **Please note your school holidays, minimum and testing days** when selecting your 10 preferred dates.

Why are 'Farm', 'Ohlone', and 'Life Sciences' included on the School Year Calendar?

The type of class that will be offered each day has been pre-set on the school year calendar. To register for a *Farm & Garden* or a *Fleece & Milk* class, please select a date that has **Farm** noted on it. For an *Ohlone Habitat* or an *Ohlone Village* class, please select a date that has **Ohlone** noted on it. For a *Life Sciences Hike* class, choose a **Life Sciences** date.

Can any of my 10 preferred dates be on a Monday or Friday? Can the type of class offered each day be changed?

Please do not select a Monday or Friday date, your registration form will be considered incomplete and therefore invalid. Adjustments to the type of classes offered each day will only be made if your class is placed on the waitlist. Your form will be considered incomplete, and therefore invalid, if you choose dates with a type of class (Farm, Ohlone, Life Sciences) that does not match your class age group.

CLASS FEES

How much does a class cost?

The following formula is used to determine the class fee. Location Fees are listed below. Fees reflect the primary funding sources of Deer Hollow Farm: City of Mountain View, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Santa Clara County.

$$\text{Class Fee} = \# \text{ hours} \times \# \text{ classes} \times \text{Location Fee}$$

Class fee example;

A Mountain View school attending a 2-hour Farm and Garden program with 3 classes will pay \$168.00

$$2 \text{ hours} \times 3 \text{ classes} \times \$28.00 (\text{MV school fee}) = \$168.00$$

Location Fees

Priority 1: Schools in Mountain View **\$28.00 per hour per class**

Priority 2: Schools in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and surrounding and incorporated areas within the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and Santa Clara County (County) **\$55.00 per hour per class**

Priority 3: Schools in Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Atherton, Campbell, East Palo Alto, Milpitas, Redwood City, San Carlos, Santa Clara, San Jose, Woodside and surrounding and incorporated areas with the MROSD and the County **\$83.00 per hour per class**

Priority 4: All other schools **\$114.00 per hour per class**

When is payment due?

Payment must be received by **Monday, November 3, 2014**. Payment information will be included with the class contract. Checks are payable to the City of Mountain View. Credit card payments are accepted in person at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Is my class eligible for a Friends of Deer Hollow Farm Scholarship?

Scholarship funds are available for schools with a minimum of one-third of the students participating in the Federal Lunch program. For more information, please see the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm web site at www.fodhf.org or contact them at info@fodhf.org. They can also be contacted by mail at P.O.

Box 4282, Mountain View, California, 94040. Scholarship confirmation will be included with your class contract, mailed by September 19.